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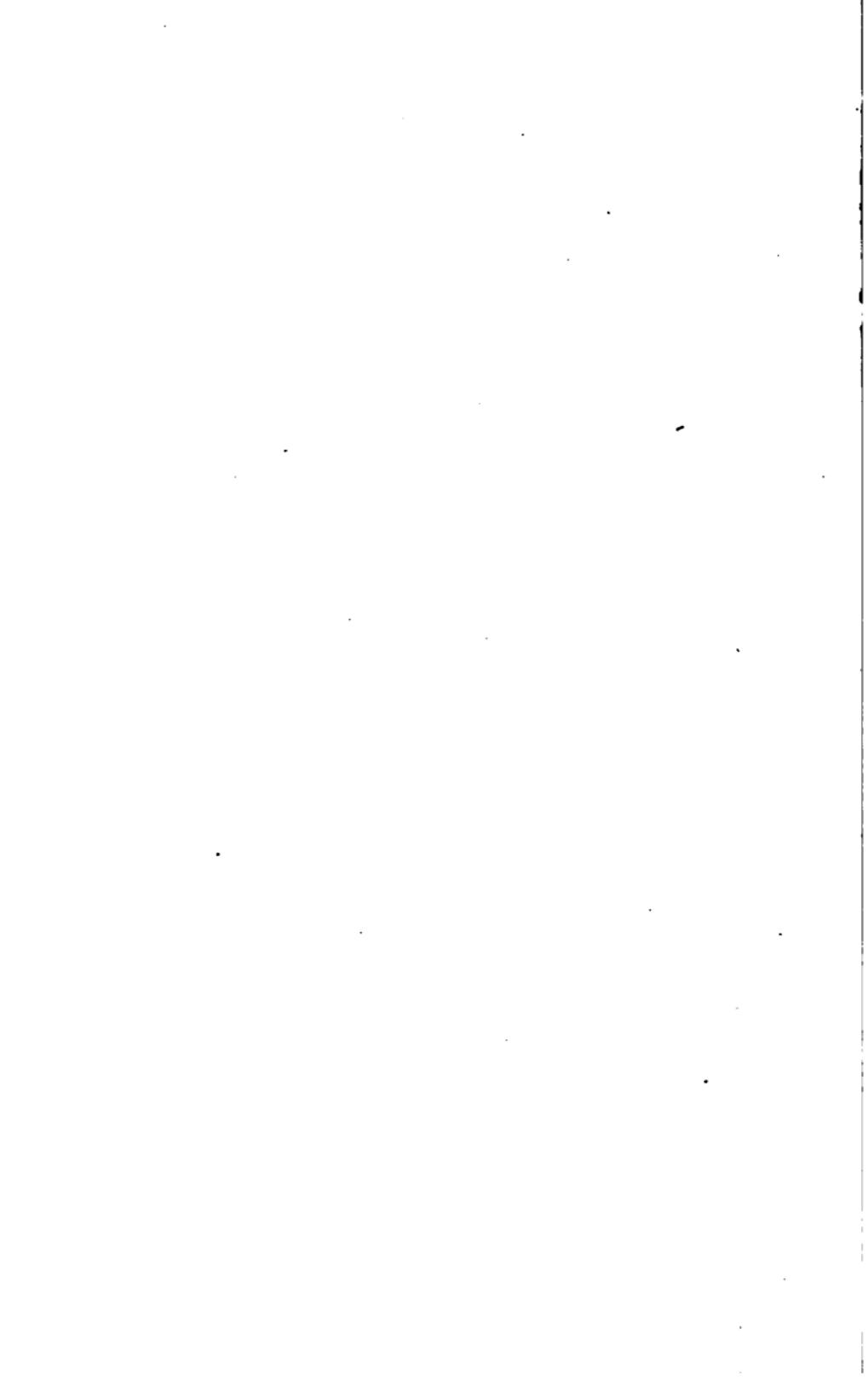
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A B C D

E F G H

I J K L

M N O P

Q R S T

U V W X

Y Z

THE ENGLISH ALPHABET. IN SMALL LETTERS.

a b c d

e f g h

i j k l

m n o p

q r s t

u v w x

y z



A man. A girl. A book. A
dog. A hat. A chair. A clock.
A table. The girl reads the book.
The old man is kind to the girl.



Is it a top?
It is a top.
I see the top.
I see the boy.
The boy spins the
top.

bake	cage	came	make
cake	page	tame	sake
lake	rage	lame	rake

I can make a new cage.

Jane can bake a nice cake.



Is it a boat?
It is a boat.
I see the boat.
I see the boy.
The boy sees the
boat.



I can see a dog and two pups.
The boy has the pups in his arms.
See the girl look at them. The
boy and girl are kind to the pups.



Is it a kite?
It is a kite.
I see the kite.
I see the boy.
The boy has a
kite.

bar	jar	tar	bar
car	far	far	car
far	car	car	far

Did you feel the car jar?
I can ride far in a car.



Is it a ball?
It is a ball.
I see the ball.
It is a foot-ball.
The boy has lost
his hat.



Here are three girls. One of them has a doll. The doll has a nice dress. See the rope and the book on the floor.



Here are three boys. One of the boys has a drum. How he beats the drum! He has no cap on his head.

ball	hall	caw	paw
call	pall	daw	raw
fall	tall	law	saw

• Do not let the ball fall.

I saw the ball in the hall.



See the boy in the brook. He has a boy on his back. The little boy does not wish to wet his feet.



See this girl on the dog's back.
How kind the boy is to her!
See how happy the dog looks!
The dog loves the boy and girl.



This little girl
has a lamb. She
is very kind to it.
The lamb likes to
have the girl put
her hand on him.

bad	bat	hat	cap
had	cat	mat	lap
sad	fat	rat	map

The cat sleeps on the mat.

The man has a hat and a cap.



See this cow
and calf. The
cow and the calf
are in the farm-
yard. The cow
loves the calf.



See this girl and her mother.
The mother spins at the wheel.
The girl reads her book. The
mother hears the girl read.



Here is a baby
in the cradle. The
baby is asleep.
The girl is in a
chair by the side
of the cradle.

beet	deep	fear	bead
feet	keep	hear	feed
meet	weep	near	read

Let me hear you read.

Try to keep your book clean.



See this bird in
the cage. The cage
is on the table.
The girl stands
by it. Birds sing
sweetly.



Here is a cat with four kittens.
The cat is very fond of them.
The boy and the girl are kind to
the kittens. The kittens play.



Here are four rats. One of them is on the cheese. The cat sees them. She will catch all the rats.

fed	bet	met	bell
bed	get	set	fell
led	let	wet	sell

The bell fell on the floor.

Let the cat and the dog be fed.



See this large rat run from the dog. The dog cannot catch the rat. The rat will get away.



These boys have found a bird's nest. See the young birds. It is wrong to rob birds of their nests. The old bird cries.



Here are three rabbits. They can run very fast. See their long ears. The rabbits are very pretty.

dine	<u>mine</u>	fire	bite
fine	nine	hire	kite
line	pine	mire	hide

I can make a fine line.
This pine tree is mine.



The eagle has caught a rabbit. See how bold the eagle looks. He is a very strong bird. He can fly high.



Have you ever been to the sea shore? The men are at work on their nets. Fish are caught in nets. The girls are picking shells.



Here is a man at work. He will cut down the grass with his scythe. When the grass is dry, it is hay.

bid	big	fill	hit
hid	dig	hill	pit
lid	fig	mill	bit

The man will dig a pit.

The boy hid a fig in a mill.



Here is a hive of bees. The boy and the girl are looking at the bees. The bees will not sting them.



See this little boy with his wagon. He has the letter A and a ball in his wagon. The mother is at work while he plays.



The boy rolls
the stone on the
walk. The stone
will make the
walk very hard.
He is a good boy.

dome	soap	core	load
foam	hope	more	toad
home	rope	tore	road

I hope to go home soon.

Bring one more load of wood.



This boy is ill.
His mother is
very kind to him.
See his shoes on
the floor. I hope
he will get well.



Grandmother has the baby in her arms. How pleased the little boy is to look at the baby! The boy has left his **horse** on the floor.



This girl has a
box in her hand.
She is in the
street. She is a
good girl. How
happy she looks!

cool	boom	moon	boot
fool	doom	noon	root
tool	room	soon	soot

It will soon be noon.
It will be a cool day.



See this bad boy.
How he strikes
the dog! The girl
tries to stop him.
Boys should be
kind to dogs.



Grandfather has come to see the girls and boy. They have left their toys to play with him. How glad the dog is to see them!



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These boys have
nest. See the you
wrong to roll him.
The old bird on.



Here is a stag
He has long legs
He can run fast
See his horns
How high he
holds his head.

cot	dog	cob	rop
dot	hog	mob	hop
not	log	rob	top

A boy can spin a top.
I will not harm the dog.



Here is an old
man. He is blind.
How kind the girl
is to him. He has
a pack on his back.
See his dog.



Grandmother has a new book.
She will teach the boy and girl
to read. She has a needle in her
hand. The ball is on the floor.



Here is a dog
in the snow. The
dog does not care
for the cold. He
has a large can
on his neck.

cube	use	cure	huge
tube	fuse	lure	fume
lute	dupe	pure	tune

I can use the tube.

The man can use the fuse.



The woman has
a basket on her
head. The girl
has one on her
arm. They are
very poor.



The boy and the girl are ~~out~~
in the snow. They see the snow-
bird. Give the bird some crumbs.
It is a very pretty bird.



Fire! fire! fire!
A house is on
fire. See the men
run. They will
try to put out the
fire.

bug	dull	dun	but
hug	gull	fun	cut
mug	mull	sun	hut

The man lives in a hut.
A dull knife will not cut.



Here is a game
of blind-man's-
buff. The boy
does not see the
girl. She tries to
pull his hair.



How kind the man is to this little girl. He will teach her to ride. She will not fall. The pony is very gentle.



Here is a sly old fox. He will catch the goose. The goose does not see him. He will eat her.

bull	good	bull	good
full	hood	full	hood
pull	wood	pull	wood

The man has a load of wood.
It is a good load of wood.



This is an ostrich. He can run faster than a man. Did you ever see an ostrich feather?



Come and see the sport. Here
is a man with an organ. He
plays a tune and makes his im-
ages dance on a rope.



The elephant is very strong. He is tame. See the men upon his back. He can walk very fast.

boil	boil	boy	coin
coil	soil	joy	join
foil	toil	toy	loin

The boy will not soil his book.
The man gave the boy a toy.



See this horse and colt. They are in a field. The colt is not as large as the horse. It is a pretty colt.



This is a peacock. How pretty he is! The boy and the girl are looking at him. He can fly to the top of a house.



Here is a man
with one leg. He
has a small ship
on wheels. The
boy and girls are
pleased with it.

cow	out	house	our
how	pout	mouse	sour
now	rout	souse	hour

The mouse is in the house.
The cow is in the yard.



This is a good
boy. See him
read his book.
The dog looks at
him. The boy has
a lantern.



The man makes a shadow on the wall with his hands. See the boys look at it. Can you make one? You may try.



Here is a horse.
The man rides on
the horse's back.
The horse is very
gentle. The man
has a whip.

bat	deed	feed	gale
beg	deem	feel	game
bit	deep	feet	gave

The pit is two feet deep.
He gave me a young deer.



See this large
tree. The men
will cut it down.
The wood, when
cut, will make a
warm fire.



The mother has a picture of
her little boy and her little girl.
She loves them very much, and
is very kind to them.



Here is a farm-yard. See the hens and chickens. One, two, three, four, five little chickens.

hat	jam	kill	lane
hit	jet	keen	lean
hot	jog	keep	lame

Keep your hat on your head.
The old man has a lame dog.



Here is a goat.
She has two kids.
The goat has long
horns. She gives
milk. The milk
is used for food.



The mother and her little girl
have come out to feed the hens
and the chickens. See the little
chicken run.



Here is a boy
with a basket in
his lap. He wishes
to see what is in
the basket. See
him try to open it.

mat	net	pet	quail
met	not	pit	queen
make	now	pin	queer

There is a pin on the mat.
Can you make a pin?



This little girl
is picking flowers.
She puts the flow-
ers in her apron.
See the butterfly
over her head.



Go with me into the garden.
See the boy with the wheel-
barrow. The little girl has a
flower-pot in her hand.



Ann is picking
grapes. She puts
them in her hat.
She will give a
part of them to
her mother.

roll	bar	sing	take
rill	far	song	tell
rove	tar	sung	time

The man can sing a song.
Roll the bar on the floor.



This little girl
has a pitcher. She
has been to the
spring for some
water. She is a
good girl.



The boy has found a hen's nest
on the hay-mow. His sister is
on the ladder. I hope they will
not fall. See the hen fly.



The owl can
see in the night.
He has caught a
small mouse. He
can catch mice in
the night.

vane	wax	yes	zeal
vine	wet	yet	zone
veer	woe	yea	was

The vane veers with the wind.
The vine was wet with the dew.



The boy is on
the ice. He has
a pair of skates.
He will put them
on. It is a very
cold day.



The woman is hanging the clothes upon the line. The little girl has the clothes-pins in her apron. She is a good girl.



John is playing ball.
See him strike with his bat.
He has been to school.
John likes to play.

cheese	show	this	thy
chest	shine	that	they
churn	shame	these	them

Show them this chest.
This churn is mine.



Some one has lost a watch.
This boy has found it.
He will try to find the owner.



See what Charles has done
with his whip! He has broken
a pitcher. I hope that Charles
has not told his mother a lie.



This little girl
has been out in
the fields. She
has picked some
flowers for her
mother.

an egg.	some aid.	his egg.
an ox.	some ice.	his own.
an owl.	some oil.	his ox.

An ox can eat some hay.
I will bring some ice.



Here is a toad.
The girl makes
him hop. She
has a stick in her
hand. She will
not hurt him.



Here is a view of the sea.
We can see a brig, a ship, a
steamboat, and three small boats.
How the waves roll!



John and Jane have come down to the pond to see the swans. John has brought some bread to feed them.

One of them has come to feed from his hand. Her neck is long, and her wings are white. How she glides through the water!

Jane has her apron full of flowers. She will carry them home to her mother, and to her little brother and sister.

When John and Jane go to school they are never idle. They love their teacher, and always try to please her.

pond	wings	broth'er	long
swan	wa'ter	sis'ter	white
bread	a'pron	school	lit'tle
hand	flow'ers	teach'er	i'dle
neck	moth'er	brought	nev'er



Here is a squirrel in a cage.
He can run on the wires, and
jump, and play, but he cannot
get out. The cage turns round.

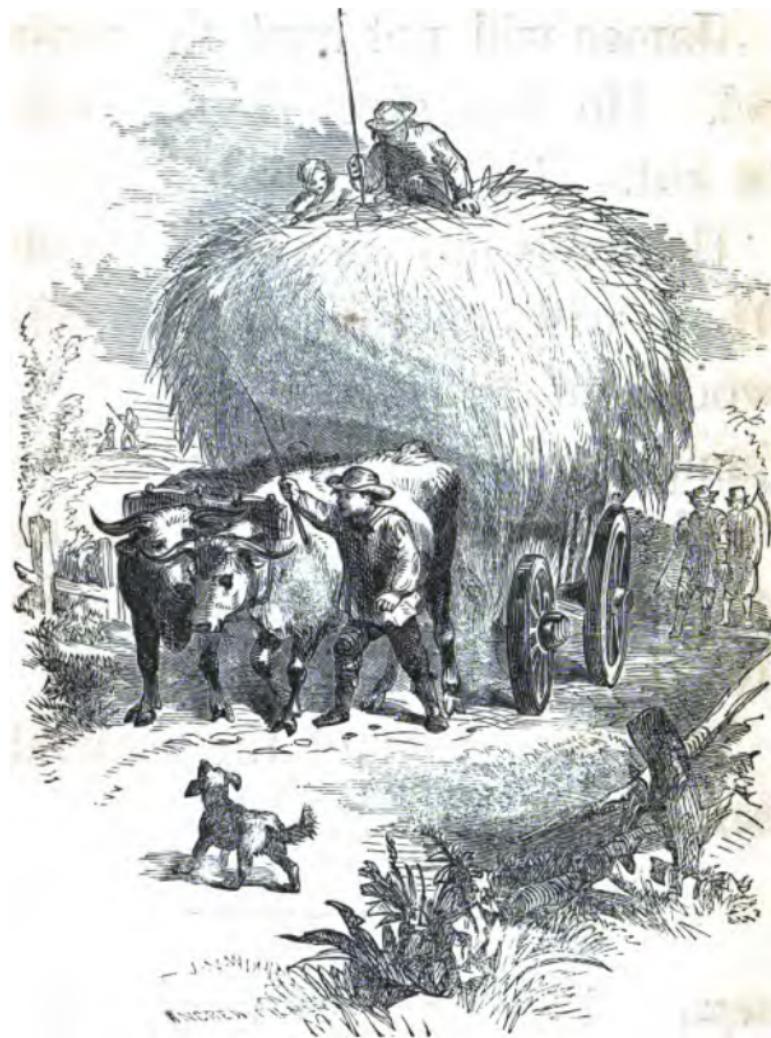
James will not hurt the squirrel. He has given him a cake to eat. See him eat it.

Squirrels are very fond of nuts. They will climb trees in the woods to get them. They can jump from tree to tree.

Charles has left his bat on the ground to look at the squirrel. His hat is on the bat.

Lucy is afraid of the squirrel; but he will not hurt her.

squir'rel	trees	run	eat
cage	woods	jump	climb
wires	bat	play	left
cakes	ground	hurt	look
nuts	hat	giv'en	a'fraid



The men have been out in the field to make hay. They are going home with a large load. See the boy drive the oxen.

. The little dog jumps and barks at the oxen. They do not care for him. The dog will not bite.

The man and the boy ride on the top of the load. They will not fall off.

See the two men behind the wagon. They will help put the hay into the barn. One of the men has a rake in his hand.

Two men are left in the field to rake the hay.

men	boy	barn	fall
field	ox'en	rake	help
hay	dog	hand	left
home	top	barks	care
load	wag'on	ride	be-hind'



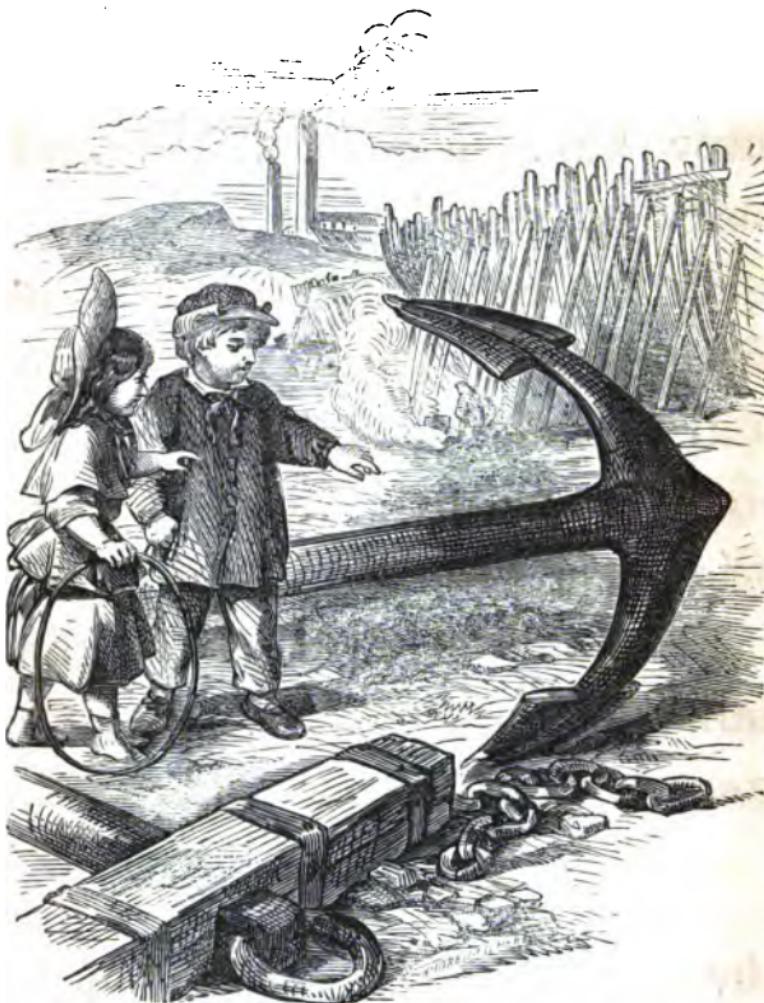
Here is a boy come home from sea. He has been away a long time. When he left home he was a small lad.

How glad he is to see his mother! At first she did not know him. Now how happy she looks to see him once more at home! See the dog look at the boy.

His father looks up from his book, and is glad to see his son who has been away so long.

The lad has brought home a parrot for his mother. What a good boy he is!

boy	fa'ther	hap'py	once
sea	book	glad	more
home	son	good	long
lad	par'rot	know	come
moth'er	dog	looks	gone



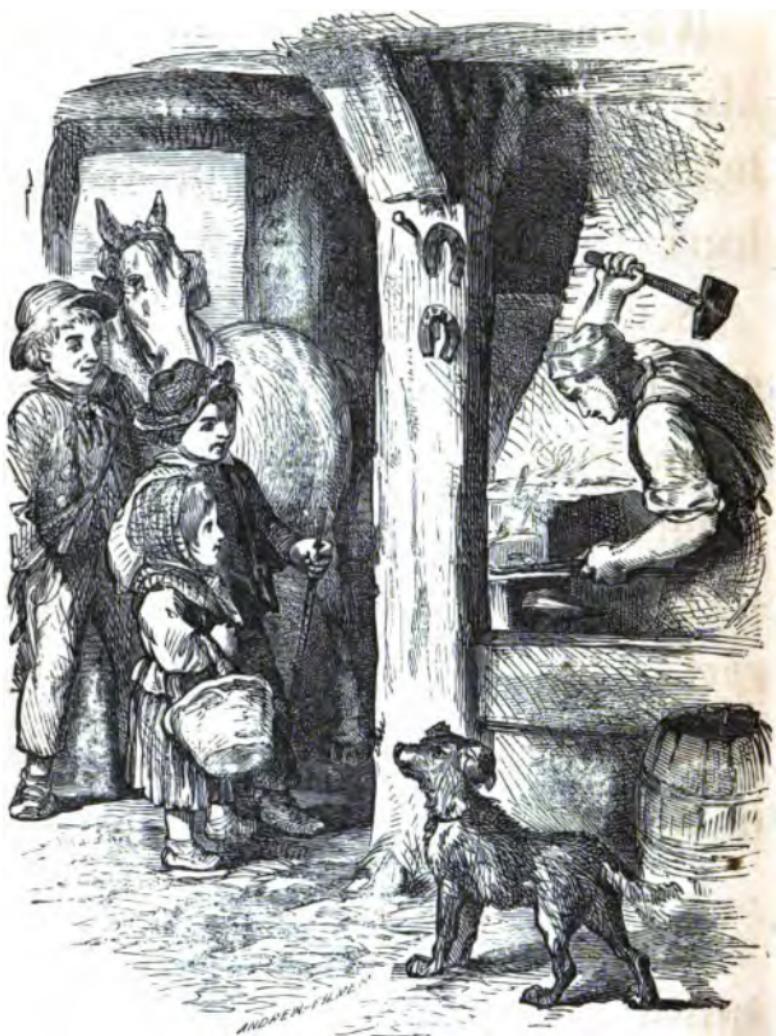
Here is a ship-yard. Henry and his sister are looking at the anchor. The girl has a large hoop in her hand.

When you go into the woods
you will see large oak trees.
These trees are cut down and
made into timber.

The timber is brought to the
ship-yard, and the men use it to
build ships.

The anchor is made of iron.
See the chain on the ground.
The chain is used to fasten the
anchor to the ship. Henry tells
his sister how the anchor is used.

ship'-yard	woods	chain
sis'ter	trees	ground
an'chor	tim'ber	look'ing
hoop	ships	oak
hand	i'ron	build



Here is a smith at work in his shop. See his anvil. He is making shoes for a horse. How he strikes the hot iron!

The smith will shoe the horse.
He will drive nails into the
horse's hoof. The nails will not
hurt the horse.

See the boys and girls look
at the smith. They are going
home from school. The girl has
a basket on her arm.

The dog looks at the little
girl. He thinks she has some
food for him in the basket. He
is a good dog.

smith	nails	arm	drive
shop	hoof	food	hurt
shoe	home	good	strike
horse	school	thinks	mak'ing
i'ron	bas'ket	go'ing	hot



The man and the boy have been into the woods. See the boy ride on the horse's back. How well he rides!

Charles Jones has a horse, and he is very kind to him. He does not strike the horse with the whip, as some bad boys do.

Boys should be kind to animals. I once knew a boy who was very cruel to flies. He would catch them and pull off their wings.

One day he fell from a wall and hurt his foot. While he was in pain, he told his mother he never should be cruel to flies again.

woods	wings	a-gain'	fell
back	wall	great	hurt
whip	foot	strike	told
an'imals	moth'er	rides	nev'er
flies	cru'el	kind.	should



This boy has an hour-glass in his hand. The man is telling the boy how to use it. See the books on the shelves.

Boys and girls must make good use of their time in school. They must not whisper and play.

If they study their books and learn to read well, their teacher will love and respect them.

Children should be kind at home. They should love their brothers and sisters, and not tease nor vex them, nor call them names. They should obey their parents in all things.

hour	school	knows	kind
hand	whis'per	make	home
books	play	stud'y	tease
shelves	teach'er	learn	vex
time	chil'dren	love	o-bey'



Here is an old man with goods to sell. The woman is looking at some cloth. The boy is showing the little child a toy.

Boys should be careful of their clothes and their books. Their parents work very hard to get money to buy them.

I hope all the little children who read this book will be careful of it. Do not soil the pages or turn down the leaves.

Children should be kind to each other. They should not take the name of the Lord in vain. Tell the truth at all times.

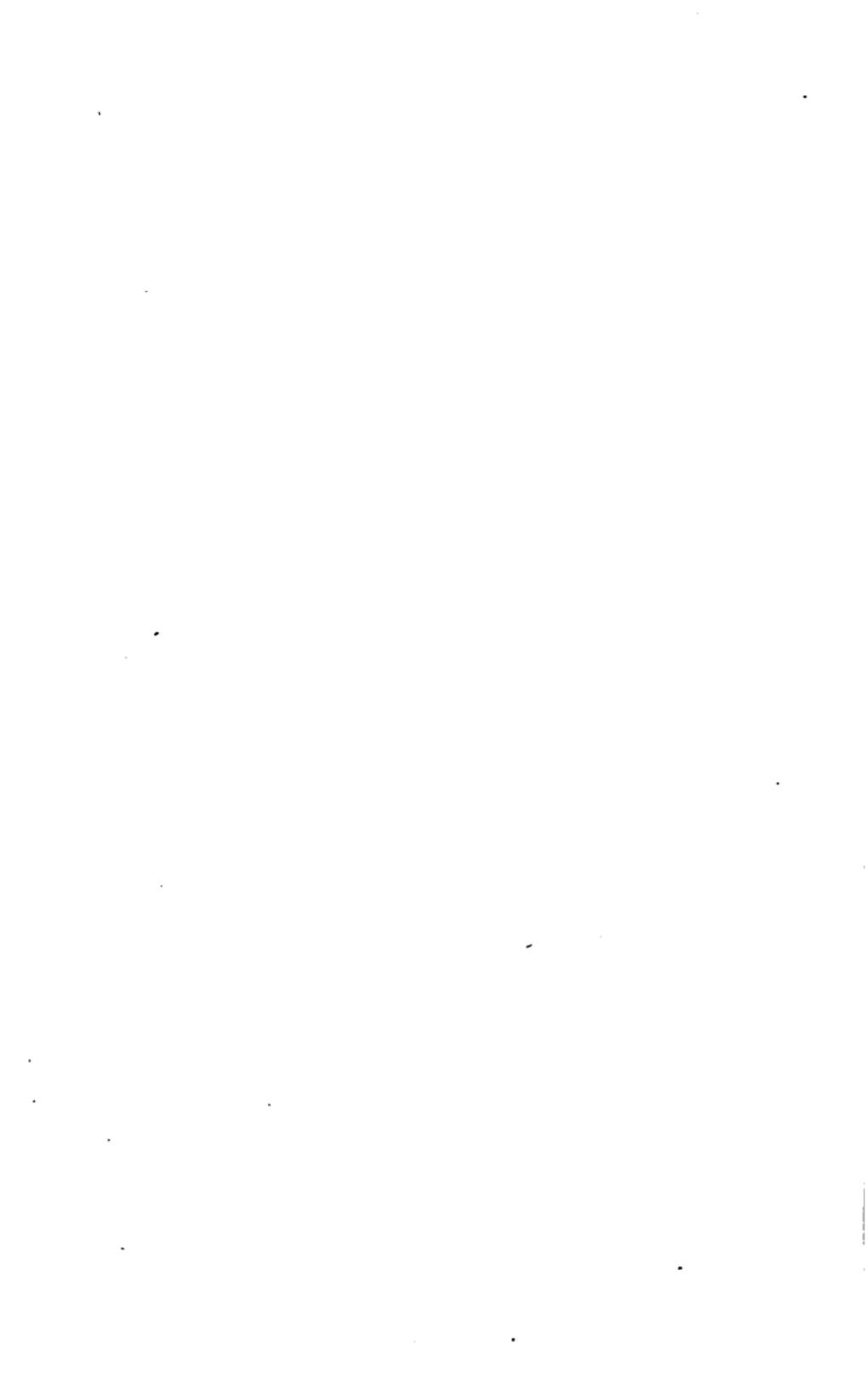
cloth	chil'dren	dir'ty	work
toy	leaves	pa'ges	good
clothes	show'ing	turn	sell
par'ents	care'ful	down	child
mon'ey	buy	read	toy

The Lord's Prayer.

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy king-
dom come. Thy will be done on
earth as it is done in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts as we
forgive our debtors. And lead
us not into temptation, but de-
liver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.

Child's Evening Prayer.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.







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